# Soriety Gossip.

# AUCKLAND.

Amount other attractions of the week was the

Amongst other attractions of the week was the

CHRYSANTHEBUM SHOW AT THE CHORAL HALL.

which was well attended, especially on Friday attersoon, when
the society provided afternoon tea. The Countains of Glasgow and
a party from Government House were present. Lady Glasgow
was received by the Secretary (Mr Templer) and Mr Titha.
The table decorations were extremely pretty. We noticed
these who formed their ground-work of yollow, and on
those who formed their ground-work of yollow, and on
those who formed their ground-work of yollow.

And on
those who formed their ground-work of yollow, and on
those who formed their ground-work of yollow, and on
those who formed their ground-work of yollow, and on
those who formed their ground-work of yollow, and on
those who presided over the afternoon tea were
Mrs Holland, wearing a dark green cashusere brinds with green
velvet, bonnet to match: Miss Holland, pink ginghan trimmed
with blands of green; Mrs Hyddig, electrique blue surah; Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Miss
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white embrodeer; gown: Wilkins
Wilkins looked extretinely well in white
entire the second of the gown of t

### MOST SUCCESSFUL DANCE

last Weduesday evening at her charming residence, 'Ardstrath,' Remuers. The night was deliciously cool, and the moon shone with such brilliance that the light of the Chinese lanterns, which all such brilliance that the light of the Chinese lanterns, which ally wondered if they were alight. 'The charca was given in order that Miss McMillan should make her debut into society. Me and Mrs McMillan and Miss McMillan received their numerous quests in the handsome reception room off the large ballroom. The rooms were all artistically hung with drapery and decorated with bamboe and greenery. The floor and music were simply perfect, and the gentlemen by far exceeded the number of isdies. The support decorations were extremely pretty. The centre of the chandeliers of coloured candles, and finished with vases of pink and white cosmos. During the intervals of the dancet some of the guests wandered round the lovely walks in the garden, while others took possession of the various scate arranged a denx in the grottees of fernery, arbours, etc. The minute was gracefully danced by the Misses McMillan (two), Keesing, etc.

Our hostess wore a stylish Bordeaux plush gown with pink liberty slik let down the front; Miss McMillan, lovely debatante gown of white slik with deep lace, made in Empire style; and her sister wore a Mexique blue surah; and another sister, red spotted gown of white slik with deep lace, made in Empire style; and her sister wore a Mexique blue surah; and another sister, red spotted gown with long red (sash; Mrs Arch. Clark, blue brocade slik; Mrs Matthow Clarke, white bengaline; Mrs Richmond, black; Mrs Matthow Clarke, white bengaline; Mrs Richmond, black; widow's cap; Mr and Mrs Upfli, the latter wearing black with white plush bebe sleeves; Mrs Clendon, her bridal gown of white slik; Miss Kilgour, mose green veive with blue frill; Miss Rooke, pretty coral pink surah; Miss Herrold, cream delaine with blue slik bebe sleeves and trimmings; Miss Fiche, Kissling, black veives gown; Miss Hat, black lace gown; Miss Tilly, lovely with blue sleeves and trimmings; Miss Fiche, Kissling, black veives gown; Miss Hat, black lace gown; Miss Claudia Hardle, cream gown with sultum Empire sash; Mr and Mrs Thomas Morrio, he lady was frocked in white; Miss Stevenson, fame-cloured silk velled in black net; and her sister blue; another sister looked well in white; Miss Myswood, Nil groen cashmere; Mrs Nathan, striking dark fisme coloured gown; Miss Ehlel Buil, canary bink gown with the sister blue; another sister looked well in white; Miss Howense; Miss Moshak, black lace cocatime with huff-coloured sleeves; Insh for sister, cream with magents bebe elseves; Rev. F. Larkins, Miss Larkins, black lace with gown with sinds within bounds with gendarine green tilk sleeves veiled in black lace; Miss Kerr-Taylor white; Miss Moshak Kerr-Taylor white; Miss Moshak Kerr-Taylor white; Miss Moshak kerr-Taylor white; Miss Kerr-Taylor white; Miss Kerr-Taylor white; Miss Kerr-Taylor white; Miss Konsing, pale illac chiffon gown; Miss Colterili white; Miss Thorpe, protty pale like chiffon gown; Miss Colterili white; Miss Thorpe, protty pale like chiff

chambers, Elliot, Suttis, Lieut, Hums, Mosers Frater, Tho-

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The Countess of Giasgow left for England by the Alameda on Saurday.

Mrs. Mathias (H. M.S. Taurangs) and Miss Scott have been saying at Oktorie. The two ladies leave Auckland for Adelaide this week. H. M.S. Taurangs also leaves Walternata this week.

Misses McMillan (three) have gone to Rotoroa. Mrs. Misses McMillan (three) have gone to Rotoroa. Mr and Mrs. Upfil (Remuera) are going to England for a trip. Amongst my numerous notes of isst week I overlooked the account of Mrs and Mrs. Archie Clark's small dance. An enjoyable evening is always as fat accompt in that house, for Mrs. Clark is an ideal hostess, and we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. You know they have such a large room for dancing.

Mr. C. F. Minitt, of New Zealand Insuranca, left Auckland by the Taiune last Friday for Wellington, to which piace he has been promoted.

# WELLINGTON.

DEAR HER.

Mrs Brandon, sen., of Hobson-street, gave a very en

AFTERNOON 'AT HOME'

on Saturday from four to six o'clock. Mrs Wroughton (act. Miss Franny Brandon) of Canterbury is visiting her mothers, and the party was given for her, in order that also might, have an opportunity of meeting all her own friends again. The weather was just perfect, and was so warm that most people appeared in their summer frocks again. Lawn tennis was played all the atternoon by the young people, and several other games were also arranged in the garden and caused much amusement. A delicious afternoon tea was laid out in the dining-room and was prettily decound the beautifug action of this, many of the goests airculed flowers, etc. Mrs Brandon wore a beautiful gown of black velvet with a deep shoulder friil of cream silk Maltese lace, and a black bonner; Mrs Wroughton wore a fawn gown made zouser fashion and trimmed with bronze velved, and a small bronze straw hat with salmon pink roses and ribbon; Miss Brandon wore a grey zousey coekings trimmed with pink and grey sinc silk, and her sister wore a bright shade of bine the guests were Mrs H. Crawford, in fawn cloth triumed with checked silk; Mrs A. Crawford, Mrs Higginson, Sir Kenneth and Miss Douglas, Miss Pearce, wearing even silk trimmed with the same coloured lace, and a large black hat with a crown of ecru lace; Mrs Maxwell, Mrs Watler Johnston, in a hondowne black gown and bonnet; the Misses Johnston, Dr. and Mrs Grace, Miss gown and bonnet; the Misses Johnston, Dr. and Mrs Grace, Misses Mensies, Mrs and the Misses Williams, Miss Orace, the Misses Mensies, Mrs and the brought her little girl with her, and will stay some weeks longer with her mother.

Mrs Friend, of Karori, gave a very pleasant

### LITTLE DANCE

LITTLE DANCE

at her residence there on Saturday night. The weather was not quite all that outle be desired for a country dance, as a southerly buster' sprung up to wards evening, quite altering the observation of the country dance, as a southerly buster sty weather we had enjoyed throughout the day. A buster of the country dance, as a southerly weather we had enjoyed throughout the day. A buster of the country weather we had enjoyed throughout the day. A buster of the country weather we had enjoyed throughout the day. A buster of the manner of the posted number of bostical number, whom Mr. Mrs and Miss Friend got to know very well during Mr. Friend's recent illness, when he was confined to the hospital for some months, Some of the guests went out early in the afternoon and played tennis, but most went by the five o'clock hus and spent a very merry evening. Mr. Friend's many friends will be seen into his usual place during the coming session.

Mr. Glogg, bank manger, has gone home for a six months' visit, and manner of the country of the illness (typhoid fever) has had the effect of turning him grey. Hoth Sir Patrick and Lady Buckley, and also the Premier (Mr. Seddon), visited Dr. Cahili while in Mapier. The doctor is still a guest of Sir George and Lady Whitmore, of Clive.

A very pleasant little gathering took place after the ordinary practice of the

a few evenings ago. The President, Mr G. E. Tolhurst, presented the conductor, Mr Alfred Hill, with a beautiful silver mounted baton suitably inscribed, as a taken of esteem from the members. The baton was presented to the Society for this purpose by Mr Frank Grady. Mr Hill replied and said it gave him the greatest pleasure to accept this token of good fellowship from the members, and in thanking them said how much he would always value it. The first practice for the coming

### MUSICAL PESTIVAL

took place this week at Thomas' Hall, there being over two hundred voices present, and there are several more in all the parts of the detailed when were unavoidably absent irom the first practice. Many little details which had to be arranged to begin with took up part of the evening, but a good hour's practising showed that the conductor, Mr Parker, had capital material to work upon, and that there is every prospect of the festival being a huge success. It has been taken up with great enthusiasm, both from a musical and financial point of view. It is to take place before the end of the year. Some of the writes to be provided to the conductor of the programmer will probably lectured the remainder of the programmer will probably lectured. The Redeunption and 'The Spectry's Bride.' An excellent committee with as secretary, Mr Theo. Ritchie, are working the affair up, and evidently intend to cellpee that of a few years ago.

takes place next week. The weather has been very mild during the last few days, and we are hoping it will continue so until the Show is over, for weather seems to affect chrysanthonums atmost more than any other flowers, and as there are some beautiful blooms now in the gardens it would be a thousand pittles to have them spoiled before it takes place. Wellington society people are gotting very restless, and are beginning to wonder when we shall see the Government House once more inhabited. The hudding beauties are whispering. What about a birthday ball? and so on. The fact is that Lord and Lady Glasgow are so very good to us when they are here that it makes us miss them all the more when they are absent.

PREFARATIONS FOR THE SESSION.

Government House will hardly seem the same with a new hostess and Lady Glasgow, Col. Boyle, Miss Hailowss, and Miss Wauchope absent. Another change since leat session too, is the fact of Lady Augusta having made her debut. The house and grounds are being put in order for the winter, and are beginning to look quite sprace. The house is buing painted, and the fences, stables, and all outbuildings are painted to match. The Parliamentary Buildings are also being tenovated, and a new entrance much one, and should look very well when up to make one, and should look very well when up to the for one intention is to have a large fountain playing in front of the entrance.

Lady and Miss Gorst arrived from Nelson last week and left to-day for England by the Ruspehu. During their stay in Wellington Lady Gurst was the guest of Mrs H. D. Bell, so Miss Worst of Mrs T. C. Williams. They both appear charmed with the control and, and carry back all kinds of momentor typical of the worst, and with the exception of the sad ending the death of Mrs Lorenzo Moore, of Nolson, Lady (Dorst's mother) seem to have back addightful time to New Zealand.

The Hon. Mr and Mrs Irby, who have been touring New Zealand, also left by the Ruspehu on their return to the Uld Country.

# CHRISTCHURCH.

APRIL 18.

As I promised to tell you about the EUCHRE PARTY
given by Mrs Cunningham last Tuceday evening, I had better
begin my letter with it is case I forget. It was the greatest store
commission of the store were arranged in the drawing-room and
may was begin at allow were ranged in the drawing-room and
may was begin at the latter of the store of the store of the store
were very choice. The ladies all store or callege at the price
were very choice. The ladies all store or callege at the price
were very choice. The ladies all store or callege at the price
were very choice. The ladies all store or callege at the price
were very choice. The ladies all store or callege
Mrs Honry Cotterili gave a delightful dinner party last Saturday night to a few of her friends, at Fendalton.

### OPENING OF THE LAWN TENNIS COURTS.

opening of triends, at Fondation.

Opening of the Lawn trannis countra.

The weather, which is the early morning had been se beautiful, suddenly changed about noon, and a 'southerly buster' came up tilling the hearts of the members of the Crammer Square Tennis-Courts with dismay, but more especially that of Mr Wilding, our noble President, who, with Mrs Wilding, intended making the opening of the courts for the winter a gala day, and one long to be remembered. Everything had been done to make the day against Linwood, and about 350 people were expected to be present. In spite of threationing sky and frequent beary showers a large number of players and spectators arrived on the secure, and found things looking rather hopeless, the courts being more or less under water when play should have begun. About 330, however, the sky cleared, when active measures with broom and swab way. A Ridlings, and in about half an hour one court was ready for use and soon after two more were occupied. Meanwhile, Mrs Wilding, who had made preparations for a large number of visitors, dispensed deliciously hot tea and coffee and other refreshments which greatly helped to counteract the chillings effect of a souther and the summary of the capitivating strains of the 'Gondollera', and even causing the ardent lennis players to wander a little in their attention to the game. The afternoon turned out really fine, and a heavity vote of thanks to the president and his wife brought an enjoyable afternoon to a close. The tennis resulted in a win for Canterbury by four games. Scores T. Sutchiffe and Miss Simpson beat Ross and Mrs W. Olitvier, 9.—7. Total: Canterbury by four games. Scores T. Sutchiffe and Mrs W. olitvier, 1. Lawrie and Mrs W. olitvier and The afternoon turned out really fine, and a heavity vote of thanks to the president and his wife brought an enjoyable face and Miss M. Simpson beat Ross and Mrs W. Olitvier, 9.—7. Total: Canterbury by four games. The afternoon turned out really fine, and a heavity vote of thanks to the president

## PICTON.

EXPEDITIONS.

The order for this week has been one into the Pelorus Sound, one to Te Awaita, and Okukuri, and another to Koromiko to wliness the initial football match of the reason. The one to the Pelorus was undertaken by four ladies—Mrs Beauchamp, Mrs and Miss Isabell Seymour, and Miss Allen—who started off on watch they could not possibly accomplish. Our adventurous triends, went, as w, and conquered, climbed mountain ranges, as w scenory beautiful beyond comparison, visited all the settlers en route, received hospitality unbounded, crossed the Mahau Sound in a settler's boat climbed the Moi-tapu saddle after dark—with an escort of course—had an adventure with a wild pig, and reached Mr Tom Cawte's homestead about 9 p.m., where they were warmly welcomed and hespitably entertained by Mr and Mrs Cawte. The party left Pictan on Friday evening for Anikiws, and returned by Torea on Tuesday following.

was made on Thursday last in the Church of England Sunday schoolroom to Miss (Iot) Price, who is leaving for the North Island immediately. The Rev. A. H. Sedgewick made the presentation, which consisted of a handsome handbag and other articles, and expressed the regret of all connected with church matters at Miss Price's departure. Afternoon tea was dispensed by the teachers, and, despite their sorrow at the parting, the children spent a very pleasant afternoon.

spent a very pleasant afternoon.

A DELIGHTFUL PYENINGwas spent at Mrs Rutherfords on Wednesday. The carpets were
taken up, and dancing became the order of the night, though a
few songe by way of a rest were rendered by the guesta, among
others Dnisy Bell, which has taken the place of 'Tara-ra bounde-sy, not only in our houses but also in the streets. The minuse
of the property of the streets of the property of the streets. The rinterford and F. Scott. Other guests were Mrs and Miss Mellish, Mrs
and Miss Duncan, Miss (A. P.) Soymour, Mrs Monab, Hasses Seymour (four), Waddy, Allen, Fell, Carey, Chisolm Slack, Meintrye,
Scott, and Messes Mellish, Davison, Temple, Speed, Batty, Mr
and Mrs Rutherford were delightful as host and hostess, and
there is really no need to say how heartily everybody enjoyed
themselves.

### THE ANNUAL PICNIC

of the choir, teachers, and church workers connected with Holy Trinity Church was held at Shakespeare Bay on Friday. The counter-attraction of a football match at Koroniko kept many away, but the picnic was an unqualified success.

We are all worry to hear of the untimely death of Mr J. P. Lucas, of Blenheim. He had many friends in Picton who will feel his loss, and many sho will remember his many kindnesses to the pupils who from time to time were sent to Blenheim, to be educated by him. We all sympathise with Mre Lucas in her trouble, and would. If we could, assist her to fight the battle of life for her little family. Yerhaps the knowledge that we doe, and that her loss is full throughout Marlborough, will help her to bear her hitter trouble with resignation.

## BLENHEIM.

DEAR BEE,

During the last week the ladies of Henheim have had the opportunity of stiending the interesting

# COOKERY CLASSES GIVEN BY MISS ADA WARDROP,

who has given the utmost satisfaction to her pupils hore. Her lessons are most explicit and instructive, and her hints most useful and economical, and she takes infinite points to make used its and economical, and she takes infinite points to make used as on and understand her methods and recipes. Our only regret is that more do not, avail thomselves of this opportunity, which is not likely to occur system, as though all along Miss Wardrop has had fair classes, yet also must be put to great expense, and it is much more encouraging to have a large class. I know a good many ladies here are excellent cooks, but even they may learn new hints and ideas, and indeed many of those who attend her classes are as good cooks, as any here, and they show that they find much to learn from Miss Wardrop by attending regularly.